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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Fangrow et al. ) Group Art Unit 3763  
Appl. No. : 09/078,941 )  
Filed : May 14, 1998 )  
For : MEDICAL VALVE WITH )  
POSITIVE FLOW )  
CHARACTERISTICS )  
Examiner : Cris L. Rodriguez

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TECHNICAL CENTER 3100AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 1999, please amend the claims of the above-captioned application as follows:

8. (Amended) A medical valve for controlling the flow of fluid between a first medical implement and a second medical implement, said valve comprising a body having a cavity in communication with a [said] second medical implement and an opening adapted to receive a [said] first medical implement, and a rigid sealing element positioned within said body and movable between a first position in which said seal prevents fluid flow through said body and a second position in which fluid flow is permitted through said body, said cavity including a fluid space which automatically and reversibly increases in size when said first medical implement is connected to said valve and which contracts in size when said first medical implement is disconnected.

11. (Amended) The medical valve in accordance with Claim 10, [wherein] further comprising a ledge [is] positioned within said cavity, [and] said piston [has] having a shoulder[, said shoulder] engaging said ledge when said piston is in said first position.

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